## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-143 before calculating the filing fee for the present application. The remaining claim for this application is listed below.

(Original) A method comprising:
 dividing a data word into data sub-words onto sub-word paths;
 allowing communication between the sub-word paths; and
 encoding the data sub-words into encoded data sub-words;
such that an information content of the data word is spread between the encoded data sub-words
 and the weight of the encoded data sub-words.

Claims 2-143 (Canceled).